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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

From various newspapers in the United States, we have learned that the organizers of the act of provocation carried out against my country last Saturday, 24 February, which resulted in the shooting down of two pirate aircraft inside Cuban airspace, are organizing another, identical act of provocation against Cuba for next Saturday, 2 March.

Cuba expects the Government of the United States, the country where these pilot aircraft and vessels are registered and in whose territory acts of provocation and terrorism originate, to take the necessary and inadequate measures to prevent a further violation of Cuba's sovereignty.

I wish to reiterate that Cuba will not tolerate violations of international sovereignty, will protect its borders and will defend its national independence at all costs.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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